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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF OREGON PORTLAND DIVISION

BRUCE GILLEY,

Plaintiff.

v.

TOVA STABIN, Communications Manager, University of Oregon Division of Equity and Inclusion, in her official and individual capacities,

Defendant.

Case No. 3:22-cv-01181-HZ

DECLARATION OF LESLI LARSON IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT'S RULE 12(B)(1) MOTION TO DISMISS

- I, Lesli Larson, state as follows:
- 1. I am over the age of 18 years old and state that the statements set forth in this declaration are true and correct and are based upon my personal knowledge. If called as a witness, I could and would testify to the statements contained in this declaration.
- 2. I am the Director of Content Strategy in the Communications Department at the University of Oregon (the "University").
 - 1- DECLARATION OF LESLI LARSON IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT'S RULE 12(B)(1) MOTION TO DISMISS

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3. The University maintains internal social media guidelines, which can be viewed on

the University's website at the following URL: https://communications.uoregon.edu/social-media-

guidelines. A true and correct copy of the University's social media guidelines are attached hereto

as Exhibit 1.

4. Under the University's social media guidelines, employees are prohibited from

"delet[ing] comments or block[ing] users because they are critical or because [employees] disagree

with the sentiment or viewpoint." The guidelines also state that, "[a]s a public university that

values freedom of speech and a robust exchange of ideas, [employees] should err on the side of

letting people have their say when commenting on our social media properties."

5. Under the University's social media guidelines, an employee may hide material

created by a user or restrict access for a user only if the user engages in the following conduct:

Post violent, obscene, profane, hateful or racist comments or otherwise uses offensive or inappropriate language

Threaten or defame

Post comments that are out of context, off topic or not relevant to

the topic at hand

Disclose personally identifiable information, such as addresses or

phone numbers

Include copyrighted materials

Fall under the category of spam

Suggest or encourage illegal activity

Solicit, advertise or endorse a third-party business or service

Are multiple successive posts by a single user

Are disruptively repetitive posts copied and pasted by

multiple users

The University's social media guidelines, as described above and attached hereto 6.

as Exhibit 1, have not changed since the present controversy with Plaintiff arose on June 14, 2022.

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I hereby declare that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief, and that I understand it is made for use as evidence in court and is subject to penalty for perjury.

DATED: September 7, 2022. By: <u>s/Lesli Larson</u>

Lesli Larson

3- DECLARATION OF LESLI LARSON IN SUPPORT OF DEFENDANT'S RULE 12(B)(1) MOTION TO DISMISS

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